HIS MAIESTIES PROCLAMATION,

FOR

THE SUPPRESSING OF THE present Rebellion, under the Command of ROBERT *Earle of* ESSEX:

And the gracious offer of His MAJESTIES free Pardon to him, and all such of his Adherents, as shall within six dayes after the date hereof *lay down their Arms.*

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BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION for the ſuppreſsing of the preſent Rebellion, under the Command of ROBERT Earle of Eſſex: And *the gracious offer of His Majeſties free Pardon to him, and all ſuch of his Adherents,* as ſhall within ſix dates after the date hereof lay down their Armes.

WHereas, now at the laſt, thoſe ſeditious and trayterous Counſells and Conſultations, which have been long in deſigne, and which long ſince Wee fore-ſaw, have produced ſuch manifeſt and open effects of Treaſon and Rebellion againſt Us, that there are already great numbers of Horſe, and Foot Raiſed, Arrayed, Muſtered and Trained under pretence of authority of Our two Houſes of Parliament, without and a-

gainſt Our conſent in and about our Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter* in a warlike manner, and there are many more in Raiſing with ſpeed, and *Robert* Earle of *Eſſex*, by the ſaid pretended authority, without Our conſent, hath been nominated to be Captain Generall of thoſe Troopes and Forces; and forgetting the duty and allegiance, which he oweth to Us, his Soveraign, hath taken upon him, and accepted that Title and Command of Captain Generall, and in that quality appeareth amongſt the Souldiers, animating and encouraging himſelf and them in theſe Traiterous and Rebellious deſignes; &, as it is now notoriouſly known, the ſaid Earle and his Adherents, intend ſpeedily to March from thence towards the North, where We now reſide, and in a warlike manner to aſſaile and oppoſe Us, and thoſe who ſhall attend or aſſiſt Us, under pretence of defending Our Perſon, and the two Houſes of Parliament, and prepare traiterouſly to ſurprize or beſiege Our Town of *Portſmouth*, and to poſſeſſe themſelves thereof with Force, the ſame being a Town and Port of great importance in the Weſtern parts of this Kingdom; and alſo to ſurprize, or by force, to take and poſſeſſe themſelves of all other Caſtles, Forts, and places of ſtrength within this Kingdom, and

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all this to strengthen them and their Party in these their Trayterous and Rebellious Designes; all which are not now taken up, by Us, upon information of others, and by conjecture, but do manifestly appear to the whole world, by that insolent and prodigious Commission of Captain Generall over the whole Kingdom of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, which in the name of the two Houses of Parliament is granted unto the said Earle; but hath indeed been contrived by some few Malignant persõs, members of either House, whereby they have mentioned to confer upon him; and the said Earle, under that colour, hath assumed unto himself those Titles, and begun to put in execution those Powers and Authorities which are inconsistable with our Soveraignty; All which is so done contrary to all Rules of Religion, Laws, Allegiance, or common Honesty.

We do now therefore publish and declare, by this Our Royall Proclamation, That the said publike and notorious Acts and Actions of the said Earle, are Acts and Actions of High Treason, being a manifest levying of War against his naturall Liege, Lord and King, expressely within the words, and meaning of the Statute, made in the twenty five yeer of King Edward the third, decla-

ring the same; of which in Law, there neither is, nor can be any doubt. And that the said Earle of *Essex* is a Rebell and Traytor unto Us, and to Our Crown, and that he, and all Colonels, Captains, and Officers, which upon notice hereof, shall not immediatly quit their commands under him, or any others, by the like unlawfull and usurped power without and against Us, are also guilty of High Treason within that Statute, and ought to be adjudged, and esteemed, and proceeded against as Traytors and Rebels.

And yet, out of Our Grace and Clemency towards such of Our Subjects as have been abused and misled by the said Earl, & such others as joyn themselves with him in these desperate courses, and to preserve the Peace of this Kingdom (if it be possible) and to avoid the shedding of blood, We abhorring the name of a Civill war, if it can by any good meanes be avoided, We doe by this Our Proclamation admonish the said Earl and all Our Subjects whom it may concern, which are now already joyned, or shall joyn themselves to the said Earle, in this act of Hostility, that forthwith they lay down their Arms, as well Horse as Foot, and all other preparations for the war, and instantly, without delay, return to their own homes and habitations,

bitations, and there quietly and peaceably imploy and bestow themselves in their proper vocations and callings, and that hereafter they meddle not or interpose themselves in these or any the like rebellious and trayterous undertakings or actions. Which if they doe readily and really perform within six daies after the date of these presents, We doe hereby promise and undertake, in the word of a King, That We will freely extend Our mercy unto them, and grant unto them Our free and full pardon, for all that hath been or shall be committed before that time. But if they shall neglect this Our grace and favour now extended unto them, and persist in any acts of hostility against Us, or not disband upon notice of this Our Proclamation, We shall esteem of them as Rebels and Traytors to Us, and to our Crown, and as publike enemies to the happy Peace of this Kingdom. And that from thence We shall proceed against them, and deal with them as Rebels and Traitors, and by the blessing of God, in whom We put Our confidence, and by the assistance of Our faithfull & good Subjects, upon whose fidelity & affection We relie, We doubt not but We shall so prevail against all their trayterous Conspiracies and rebellious Machinations, as shall vindicate Our ho-

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noir, and the honour of Our Crown, preserve Our good and loyall Subjects from their malice and fury, and restore and settle the peace of this Kingdom, and make the Delinquents so exemplary, as shall deter others from ever attempting the like Insolencies.

And We hereby require and command all Our Commissioners of Array, Lievtenants, Deputy-Lievtenants, Sheriffs, Justices of Peace, Majors, and all other Our Officers, Ministers, and loving Subjects, That they, & every of them in their severall places, do their best and uttermost endeavours to resist and subdue the said Earl, and his adherents, and those who shall assist them or any of them, & to apprehend, or otherwise to destroy them, and every of them, that so they may receive condigne punishment for their disloyalty. And that they be ready, according to their Duties and Allegiance, to assist Us, and those Our good Subjects who do adhere unto Us, according to Our just Commands in or concerning the Premisses.

And more particularly, We require and command Our Commissioners of Array, Lords Lievtenants, Deputy-Lievtenants, Captains, and Officers of Our Trayned Bands, of or in Our Counties of *Southampton*, *Sussex*, and *Surrey*, that so many of them

them as to that purpoſe Colonel *Goring* ſhall call to his aid, as he ſhall ſee cauſe, ſhall, with ſuch Forces as are under their command, repair unto Our ſaid Town of *Portsmouth* to aſsiſt the ſaid Colonel *George Goring*, Our Captain and Governour of the ſaid Town, for the defence of the ſaid Town, and to Oppoſe, Reſiſt, and Deſtroy all thoſe who under the command of the ſaid Earle of *Eſſex*, or any other, ſhall attempt any violence againſt the ſaid Town.

And We doe further require & command Our right truſty and right well beloved Couzin and Councellor *William* Marqueſſe *Hertford*, That with all ſpeed he raiſe all the Forces he can, within all or any the Counties contained within that Commiſsion We have given unto him, whereby he is made Our Lievtenant Generall of all Our Forces within Our Counties of *Devon*, *Cornwall*, *Somerſet*, *Dorſet*, *Wilts*, *Southampton*, *Gloceſter*, *Berks*, *Oxford*, *Hereford*, *Monmouth*, *Radnor*, *Brecknock*, *Glamorgan*, *Carmarthen*, *Pembrock*, *Cardigan*; Our Cities of *Exeter*, *Briſtoll*, *Gloceſter*, *Oxford*, *Bath* and *Wells*, new *Salisbury*, and *Hereford*, and the Counties of the ſame; the Towns of *Poole* and *Southampton*, and *Haverford* Weſt, and the Counties of the ſame, and with the Trained Bands of thoſe

Counties and others, who ſhall voluntarily offer their ſervice to March againſt the ſaid Earl, or any others under his command, or under the command of any others not authorized by Us, & them to Reſiſt, Oppoſe, and Subdue, and eſpecially for the defence of the ſaid Town of *Portsmouth*, & for the Iſle of *Wight*, in Our County of *Southampton*, as there ſhall be occaſion.

And We do hereby deſire and require Our loyall & loving Subjects of and within the ſaid Counties, being of the Trained Bands or voluntary Levies within the ſaid Commiſsion, to repair with their Horſe and Foot, well Armed, Arrayed, and Furniſhed, to ſuch place or places as the ſaid Marqueſſe ſhall appoint; and that they, and all other Our good and loving Subjects within this Realm, ſhall, according to ſuch directions as We ſhall give to that purpoſe, repair to Us at ſuch place where We ſhall pitch and ſet up Our Royall Standard, and where We purpoſe, in Our own Perſon, to be preſent, and there and in ſuch places whither We ſhall conduct them, or cauſe them to be conducted, to ſerve us for the defence of Us, & of Our Kingdom, and of the true Proteſtant Religion, and the known Laws of the Land, and the juſt Liberties of Our Subjects, & the juſt Priviledges of Parliament,

liament, and to ſuppreſſe the Notorious and Inſolent Rebellion of the ſaid Earle, and his Adherents, and reduce them to their due obedience, and for re-ſetling of the happy Peace of this Kingdom.

And in this time of urgent neceſsity, which ſo much importeth the ſafety, and even the very ſubſiſtance of Us, and Our good people, We ſhall take it as an acceptable Service to Us, and much conducing to the Peace of Our Kingdom, if Our loving and well affected Subjects, within Our ſaid Counties contained within Our Commiſsion granted to the ſaid Marqueſſe, do and will cheerfully and voluntarily contribute unto Us, and give unto Us ſuch aſsiſtance in Money or Plate, as they ſhall think fit, by Loan, or otherwiſe, to be delivered to the hands of the ſaid Marqueſſe, or of the Commiſsioners of Array, for thoſe ſeverall Counties reſpectively to be diſpoſed of to this publike uſe, and not otherwiſe; and that Our loving and well affected Subjects of all other the Counties of this Kingdom, will, to the ſame uſe, and not otherwiſe, contribute unto and aſsiſt Us in like manner, ſuch contribution and aſsiſtance to be paid or delivered to Our Uſe into the hands of Our Commiſsioners of Array for thoſe other Counties reſpectively, or to ſuch of them as they ſhall nominate,

and appoint to that purpose.

And lastly, in all these Our just and necessary Commands, We require, That ready obedience, from all Our Commissioners, Sheriffs, Justices of Peace, Majors, Constables, and other Officers, and loving Subjects, in their severall and respective places, which appertaineth to their severall duties, as they tender Our Honour, and Safety, and the Honour, Safety, Peace, and Prosperity of the Church, and Kingdom of England, and as they will answer their neglects, at their uttermost perills.

Given at Our Court at YORK *the ninth day of August in the eighteenth yeer of Our Reign.* 1642.

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